

Long-term care hospitals: continuing research

ISSUE: What role do long-term care hospitals (LTCHs) play in providing acute and post-acute care? How are clinically similar patients treated in areas without LTCHs? How do Medicaid payments and outcomes compare for patients who use LTCHs versus other settings?

KEY POINTS: This presentation synthesizes findings from two qualitative projects in MedPAC's study of LTCHs:

- Thirty-four structured interviews with physicians, hospital administrators, nurses, and discharge planners in two market areas with and two market areas without long-term care hospitals and
- Commissioner and staff site visits to long-term care hospitals in three cities with multiple LTCHs.

We found that results from the structured interviews and what we heard on site visits frequently were similar. When similar, we will present the findings together. In those instances when what we heard differs, we will discuss the differences.

ACTION: No action is required at this meeting.

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